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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 11, 1968

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Inspector Ross Pikey, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Ottawa, Canada, (telephone Area Code 613, 992-3008) telephoned my office this morning, 6-11-68, and spoke to SA Bland. Inspector Pikey said that he wanted the FBI in Washington to know that the RCMP was not furnishing any information to the press in Canada regarding the James Earl Ray case other than information confirming the issuance of a Canadian passport to Ray in the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Inspector Pikey said that he was in close touch with our liaison representative, SA Moss Innes. He said that the RCMP has taken the position that the Ray case is an FBI matter and that any information concerning Ray should not come from the RCMP but only from the FBI. He said that the RCMP did not want or intend to jeopardize the subsequent prosecution of Ray in any way.

Inspector Pikey said that he was most proud of the excellent relationship between the FBI and the RCMP and was most complimentary of the Director and the FBI.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **June 11, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680610041 JK**

Examination requested by: **Newark**
Reference: **Airtel 6/7/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q368.**

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OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100)
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)

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RE: MURKIN
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**Q368 Application for subscription to the "Select Magazine,"
in the name "James E. Ray"**

Result of examination:

**It was concluded that the questioned hand printing
on Q368 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.**

**Q368 will be returned separately. Photographs are
retained.**

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Mr. William Breck
Franklin Community High School
Franklin, Indiana 46131

Dear Mr. Breck:

Your letter of June 5th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiries, portions of my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations are given in a closed session and I am not at liberty to disclose the nature of that testimony. Further, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

I am, however, enclosing a copy of my published testimony before the Committee on February 23, 1968, and I hope you will find it of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. There is no record of correspondence with Paul Scott; however, by outgoing letter 9-9-65, to Robert Allen, who is on the Special Correspondents' List and known to the Director on a first-name basis, appreciation was expressed both to Allen and Scott on an article they had written on the FBI's role in civil rights matters.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Hoover

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how accurate the article is. I ask for no confidential
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Any light you can shed on this article will be greatly
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Thanking you in advance for your assistance, and
commending you for your long service to your country,
I remain

Respectfully

Wm. Breck

P. S. What background information has the F. B. I. on the
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New Leads On King Assassination

By Paul Scott

THE FEDERAL Bureau of Investigation's massive probe of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King is taking a possibly sensational turn.

With James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin, apparently either outside the U.S. or now dead, FBI agents have increased their surveillance of several American Communists known to have been closely associated with King, including one who wrote speeches for him in the past.

This new development was triggered by evidence gathered by the more than 1,000 agents who have worked on the mysterious King shooting and by several "tips" and letters sent to the FBI.

One of the most interesting of these "tips" came from an alert TV viewer and concerns the now famous "Mountain Top" speech King made on April 3, the night before his slaying, showing a premonition of his impending death.

"IF THE SPEECH was truly made in Memphis on April 3 as reported," the letter pointed out, "then how can one account for King stating his age as 36 (instead of 39) and why does he speak of demonstrating in Alabama twice during the speech?"

After checking out the time and location of King's final speech, several of the FBI agents assigned to the case decided to begin seeking answers to a number of their own questions, including:

"If King had personally written that speech, why would he make mis-



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takes like those contained in it — especially the one involving his age?"

"If the speech was written by someone other than King, who was the author and when was it written?"

The answers to these questions are considered highly important to the investigation, since, if another person was concerned in the preparation of that speech, the writer might be able to shed new light on it — especially those mistakes.

Also, if King had received help with the speech, the passages dealing with the civil rights leader's premonition of death would probably have been fully discussed. King's request to the Detroit police department for protection when he visited that city a few weeks before his death indicated he feared for his life then.

INFORMATION gathered by the FBI on King, prior to his assassination, showed that a secret member of the Communist party's executive committee was one of King's closest advisers and speech writers.

This ghost writer for King prepared many of his most famous speeches, according to testimony given by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover during a closed door meeting of a House Appropriations subcommittee.

Since Ray during his trips prior to King's assassination visited the same city in which this ghost writer lives, the FBI is now investigating to determine if the two met covertly.

Recent evidence gathered by FBI agents in one of the most massive probes in the nation's history has forced serious investigation of these possibilities:

- That somebody close to King or within his own organization tipped off his assassin as to the civil rights leader's routine on the day of his slaying.

- That Ray was hired directly by certain Black Nationalists who paid

him with money made available by foreign sources.

- That an international Communist "assassin squad" was involved in the slaying.

Because of Ray's mysterious trips to Mexico and Canada shortly before the assassination, the entire U.S. intelligence operation, ranging from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Defense Intelligence Agency, has been pressed into the hunt for King's killer.

One CIA report indicates that Ray, who is linked to the murder weapon by fingerprints and ballistic data, may have visited Cuba during his Mexican trip, according to information furnished by a Mexican airline official.

The FBI assumption is that, if there was a conspiracy to kill King, those involved made arrangements to spirit their hired killer out of the U.S. to Cuba via either Mexico or Canada.

Probably the greatest irony of the probe of King's assassination is that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, one of the civil rights leader's severest critics when he was alive, is doing everything in his power to solve the case.

On the other hand, King's closest aides in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference are showing little or no interest in whether the killer is found.

WHEN REV. Ralph Abernathy, King's successor as president of the SCLC, presented a series of demands to Attorney General Ramsey Clark for the "Poor People's" campaign none of these called for more intensive effort to solve King's assassination.

According to people who attended the meeting, nothing was said about King's death or the FBI investigation, although a number of the poor in "Resurrection City" had urged Abernathy to press for a more vigorous probe.

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4:42PM 6-11-68 URGENT BKS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1887) (2P)

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JW HUBERT H. RANEY, INSPECTOR, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
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FBI OFFICE AT MEMPHIS WILL MAKE NO COMMENTS RE HANDLING OR SECURITY
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STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, COVERING SHELBY COUNTY
IN STATE OF TENNESSEE, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SAC THIS DATE AS
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FROM MEMPHIS (44-1887) (SP)

TO DIRECTOR

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DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE ROSENBERG CONTACTED MEMPHIS OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT AT PRESENT TIME NO INTERVIEWS WILL BE ATTEMPTED WITH CARPENTER. THIS INFO FURNISHED AT APPROXIMATELY *Central Standard Time.* FOUR PM, CST, TODAY.

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TO : Mr. Conrad *[Signature]*

FROM : W. D. Griffith *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/11/68

The General Investigative Division advised this morning of a request from the Department for a portrait parle (photograph) comparison between certain pictures of the subject James Earl Ray. Specifically, the comparison requested was between a photograph of "Eric S. Galt" purportedly taken in early 1968 in connection with his attendance at a bartender school in California and prison photographs of James Earl Ray taken in 1960 and 1966. The requested comparisons have been made and we have determined definitely that the Eric S. Galt photograph is actually a photograph of the same person depicted in the James Earl Ray prison photographs. Results of this comparison have been telephonically furnished General Investigative Division.

Assistant Director Rosen advises he has furnished the results of the examination to Mr. Pollak in the Department and Mr. Pollak has requested the Laboratory's assistance in preparing an affidavit. A Mr. Maurice A. Roberts subsequently contacted me and requested assistance in the technical wording incident to the preparation of the affidavit. We are complying with this Department request and will execute the affidavit after it has been prepared and the wording has been determined to be technically accurate.

ACTION: None. For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Shaneyfelt
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer

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TO DIRECTOR AND BUFFALO
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 KNOXVILLE 44-696
FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

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RE LOS ANGELES TELS, MAY SEVENTEEN, EIGHTEEN, TWENTY TWO,
AND TWENTY NINE LAST.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED REASONABLE EFFORT BE EXPENDED TO
LOCATE LESTER EDWARD PACKETT AND RESOLVE ALLEGATIONS
FURNISHED LOS ANGELES TIMES. EFFORTS TO LOCATE PACKETT LOS
ANGELES NEGATIVE. PACKETT HAS FOLLOWING RELATIVES: MOTHER,
CALLIE PACKETT, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS ONE ONE ZERO WRIGHT STREET,
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Re London cable 6/7/68.

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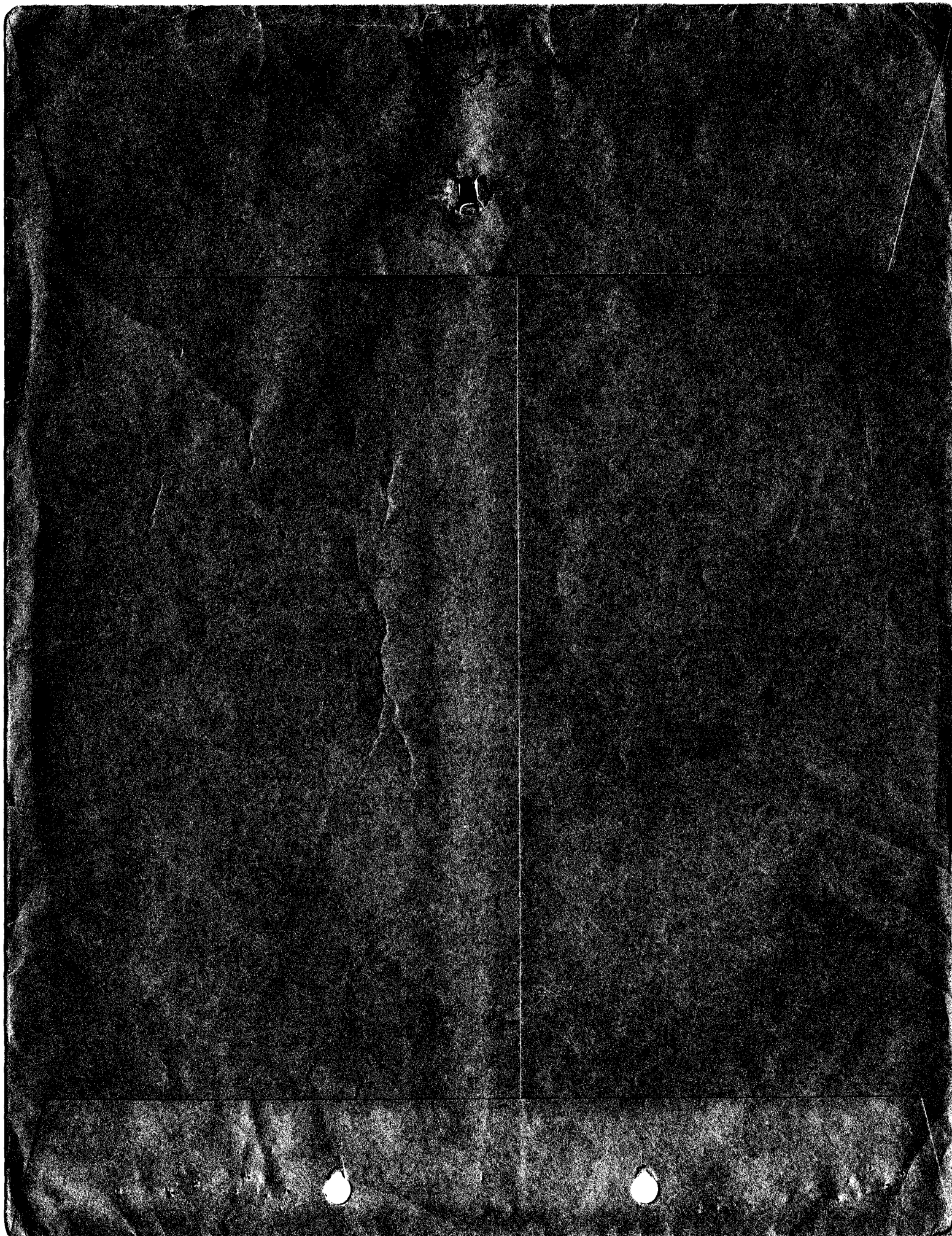
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Envoy Denies Request

Earlier reports indicated the search for the assassin had spread to Mexico, although the U.S. ambassador there and Mexican Federal Police have denied that a request was made of Mexican officials to join the hunt.

Police in Atlanta said they have not been asked to participate in the FBI investigation here, whatever its mysterious nature.

When the Miami teletypewriter message asking for help in finding Galt first appeared, it was reported as a "pickup order." Later a Miami source said: "This meant they (FBI agents) wanted him spotted, not picked up."

Still later, after the Mustang was impounded, the message was withdrawn with the puzzling explanation that it had been released by mistake.

The FBI would make absolutely no comment about these unusual procedures, although the message had concluded:

"If located notify Agent Charles Bell FBI Miami."

The message described the man sought as a white male, 36 years old, about 5 feet 11 inches and 175 pounds with blue eyes and brown hair. This roughly matches the description circulated by federal authorities the night Dr. King was slain.

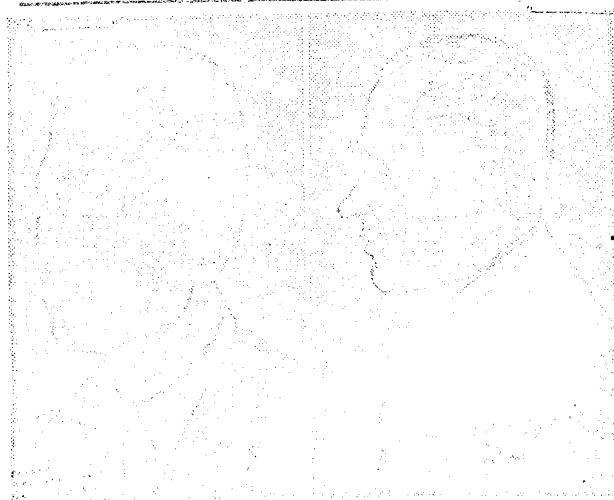
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VIEWS OF SUSPECT—Sketches being used in the hunt for slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King include the one at left, being used by Mexican authorities based upon a description provided by the FBI, and the other, based on a description given by man who lives in building from where the shot was fired.

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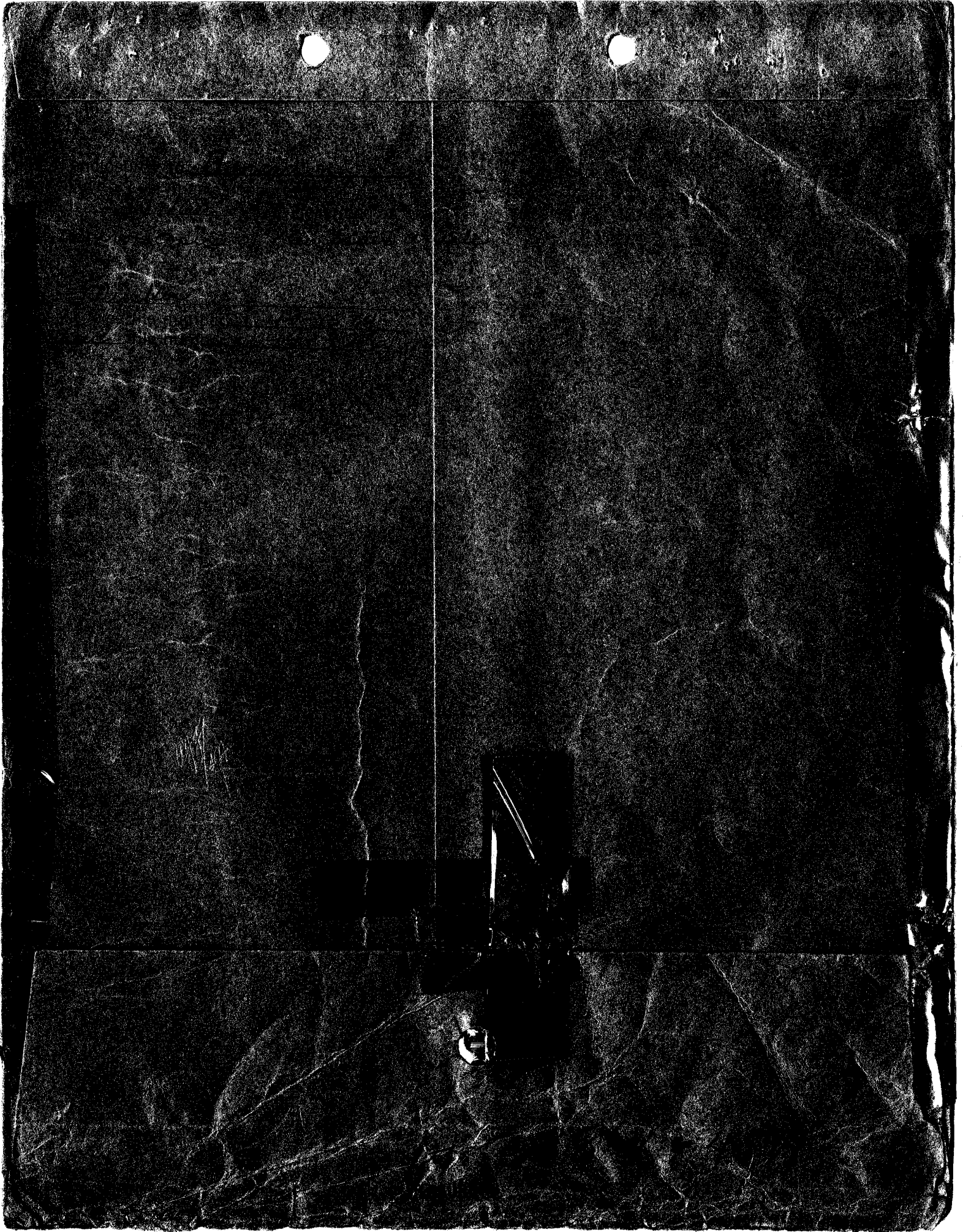
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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/11/68

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

Legat, Minnich called from London at 3:15 p. m. this afternoon. Assistant Attorney General Vinson had a press conference this morning at 10:15 a. m. During the conference he praised police cooperation between the FBI, the RCMP and Scotland Yard. He attempted to straighten out the record claiming that he had not interrogated subject Ray but that he had briefly seen him. The papers had previously reported that Vinson had interrogated Ray. Vinson became flustered when he was questioned by the reporters regarding the movements of Ray in several countries. Being unable to answer the questions, he eventually replied "No comment." In answer to questioning, Vinson stated that two sets of extradition papers were being sent to the British Home Office.

Vinson told Minnich that he had been discussing this case with the Attorney General. Extradition papers are to be placed on a 7:00 p. m. plane from Washington to London. The AG apparently told Vinson there was a delay in forwarding these papers inasmuch as the FBI had had difficulty in locating a witness by the name of Stephens. (Stephens has not been located as yet, however, this is not delaying the filing of the extradition papers.) Vinson told Minnich that the Department would possibly call upon the FBI to place the extradition papers on the evening plane. I told Minnich that we had not received such a request.

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Vinson has booked reservations on a flight to depart London on Thursday, 6/13/68, at 2:00 p. m. Vinson has continued his efforts to inspect security measures at Wandsworth Prison. The British Home Secretary's office has informed U. S. Ambassador Bruce that Vinson will not be allowed this privilege. Ambassador Bruce was flatly told that it would be an insult to the British Government for Vinson to inspect security measures at Wandsworth. Vinson has asked the AG to contact Undersecretary of State Katzenbach so that a request can be made through diplomatic channels. Minnich doubts that Vinson will be allowed to inspect Wandsworth's security measures despite pressure brought on by the American Government.

Our Paris Legat, Norman Philcox, has completed his investigation in Lisbon, Portugal. Sources in Portugal have sent letters to all banks inquiring if Ray had funds deposited therein or had rented a safe deposit box.

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DeLoach to Mr. Tolson
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The results of this check will not be in for several days. Legat Philcox has no further leads remaining. I told Minnich to order Philcox back to Paris so that he could immediately prepare a letterhead memorandum regarding the results of his investigation. This memorandum will first be reviewed by SA Martindale and then will be sent to FBI Headquarters. Philcox will leave Portugal tomorrow morning, 6/12/68, at 10:45 a. m.

SA Martindale has spent most of his time at Scotland Yard assisting the representatives of our London Office. Investigation thus far by Scotland Yard has shown that subject Ray cannot be placed anywhere in London until the date of May 28, 1968, when he checked into the New Earl's Court Hotel. On June 5, 1968, subject Ray checked into the Pax Hotel and remained there until he checked out to travel to Brussels, Belgium. One source has advised that subject Ray told him he planned to go to Rhodesia.

Subject Ray thus far has not indicated any willingness to reveal anything. Chief Superintendent Butler has advised Minnich that Ray, en route from the London Airport to Scotland Yard, was advised by Butler that there was reason to believe the subject's name was James Earl Ray. The subject allegedly turned white and did not deny this allegation, however, on the other hand, he did not admit anything.

Minnich has now put in an official request, through Embassy channels, to interview Ray. The Home Office will make the final decision. Ray must give his permission before such an interview can take place. This request was specifically mentioned to Vinson, who replied, "By all means."

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Minnich still believes that there will be a minimum of three and a half weeks to a maximum of six weeks before extradition can take place. Even after the order of extradition is given, there will be a 15-day waiting period in which subject can make an appeal if he so desires. In the event he does desire to appeal, there will of course be further delay in extradition.

I specifically asked Minnich what his recommendations were concerning the men from FBI Headquarters who are currently in London. He stated that he was keeping these men busy and that frankly, he felt it would be cheaper in the long run to let them remain in London rather than returning to Washington and then having to go back upon subject's extradition. Minnich raised the point that there of course was the possibility that subject Ray at any time might indicate he was perfectly willing to be returned to the United States and that he would sign any papers certifying this fact. If this happens, our representatives must be in a position to move fast. Consequently, Minnich feels that our representatives should remain in London.

DeLoach to Mr. Tolson
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I agree with Minnich in this recommendation, as does Rosen. We should, however, make a check after the next hearing to be held on June 19, 1968, to see if there still appears to be a maximum of four to six weeks before the subject will be extradited. In this event, consideration might be given to having our Agents return rather than remain in London for an extended period of time.

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Re San Francisco teletype, dated 6/5/68, and report of SA JOE C. HESTER, dated 6/5/68, at Memphis.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an FD-302, dated June 7, 1968, reflecting the results of interview of ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL. Two copies each of this FD-302 are enclosed for Kansas City, Memphis, and New Orleans.

Observations of the San Francisco Office Relative to the Interview of ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL

ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL was interviewed during the morning of June 4, 1968, and the interview was continued after a break for lunch. During this entire interview, RUSSELL rambled, was vague, incoherent, inconsistent, and evasive. The entire impression created was that RUSSELL was looking for attention. It is believed that he was not truthful at all times in that any knowledge that he has concerning JAMES EARL RAY could have easily been obtained by reading newspapers and could be spiced by his knowledge of New Orleans where he was arrested in 1967. RUSSELL stated that ~~on JUN 18 1968~~ he has lied on

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many occasions, but he was telling the truth now. His story would vary from time to time.

By teletype dated June 6, 1968, the Philadelphia, New York, and Newark Offices ~~were~~ advised that ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL had furnished those offices with inaccurate and unreliable information.

San Francisco does not contemplate a reinterview of RUSSELL at this time unless directed to do so by the Bureau, Memphis, or Kansas City.

New Orleans is being furnished copies of this communication; however, no lead is being set out for New Orleans to conduct specific investigation. It is noted that New Orleans conducted an 88 investigation regarding ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL during 1967 at which time he was using the names JAMES ALEXANDER and ROBERT LAWRENCE.

REPORT IN PREPARATION.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 7, 1968

ROBERT LAWRENCE ~~RUSSELL~~, FBI Number 892 144A was interviewed in the San Francisco County Jail, Hall of Justice Building, San Francisco, California, on June 4, 1968.

RUSSELL advised that his true name was ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL although he was confined to the San Francisco County Jail under the name ROBERT LAWRENCE. RUSSELL stated he was born on [redacted], in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He stated he is being held on a charge of grand theft and his trial date is July 10, 1968.

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RUSSELL related he was arrested in New York City, New York, about September 23, 1967, and has been in custody ever since except for a week in November, 1967. He advised that in November, 1967, he was released because he was cooperating with the New York City Police Department and/or the New York County District Attorney's Office. He advised he was returned to California and since returning to California has been confined first in the San Francisco City Jail and then the San Francisco County Jail, located on the sixth and seventh floors respectively of the Hall of Justice Building.

He advised that his wife is VALERIE RUSSELL, 12 East 31st Street, New York City, New York. He advised she was a legal secretary who formerly worked for Judge MURPHY, not otherwise identified. He related his wife is pregnant and expecting a baby in the next two weeks.

RUSSELL advised that he had written a letter which he gave to BRUCE GOVERN while they were both confined in San Francisco City Jail. He advised that this letter was entirely a figment of his imagination and had no basis in fact except that he said he knew a man by the name of GALT in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1967.

RUSSELL stated after examining the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he saw RAY who was using the name JIMMY GALT in the Roosevelt Hotel bar in New Orleans, Louisiana, in April, 1967, late in the month, or May, 1967.

On 6/4/68 at San Francisco, California File # SF 173-65
 by SAs LEO A. SCHON and
MICHAEL T. GEARY - sms *44 32701 4402* Date dictated 6/6/68

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RUSSELL related he was using the name JAMES ALEXANDER at this time. He related that eventually he was arrested in the City of New Orleans and was booked under the name JAMES ALEXANDER.

He advised that he did not consider the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY wherein RAY is wearing sunglasses to be a good likeness. He related that the photograph showing RAY in a business suit with a white shirt and wearing a tie was a good likeness of the man he knew as JIMMY GALT. He described JIMMY GALT as a white male American, 180 to 190 pounds, 5'10", and having black hair. He advised he never paid any attention to GALT's eyes. He stated he could not recall any scars on his forehead or hands. He was unable to describe the nose and made no remarks concerning the chin. He advised that GALT wore a watch and a diamond pinky ring. He also wore sunglasses with a black frame. He advised that he met RAY in the bar at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans.

RUSSELL advised that he had won some money gambling and was in New Orleans to enjoy himself and to see if he could make any other scores. He stated he was aware that the State of California wanted him at that time.

He advised that he had frequented the Hotel Roosevelt bar for several days and noticed RAY, or GALT as he was called, in the bar and eventually met him. He advised that GALT had a great deal of money. He stated it was his belief that he could have had as much as \$25,000 and this was based upon the fact that he saw GALT take money out of his pocket and that he had several \$50 and/or \$100 bills in his possession. He advised after seeing GALT with this roll that he decided he wanted to get to know him and to get to know where his residence was located so that he could get the money from him. He advised he intended to burglarize GALT's residence if necessary.

He advised that after talking with GALT at the bar in the Roosevelt Hotel that he eventually told GALT that he was wanted by the police. He advised that he saw GALT several times during a two or three week period. He advised that eventually GALT indicated that he also had done time but had been out for five or six years.

He described GALT as being very quiet, did not like Negro people, and seemed to enjoy gambling.

He related GALT never took him to his residence. He advised it was his belief that GALT lived either with his brother or his uncle in New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated this was based upon the fact that they went riding in an automobile one afternoon and that they drove by a house which was located three or four blocks from the French market and also near a big church, and GALT indicated he lived there.

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He advised that the automobile they were riding in belonged to GALT's girl friend.

He advised that this house was located about ten or twelve blocks from Canal Street and five or six blocks from a big church, stating that the street had big houses on it and that at least two families lived in the building.

He advised it was his recollection that he was introduced to GALT by a barmaid in the Roosevelt Hotel. RUSSELL stated that he frequented the bar every night and was so well known there that he could even leave a tab. He advised that he cannot recall the barmaid's name or her description. He stated it was his recollection that the bartender was a white male American, about 55 years of age, with gray hair, wearing glasses, who was short and stocky. He stated this bartender had a helper behind the bar who was either of Mexican or Spanish extraction.

RUSSELL stated GALT was frequently in the company of women and he believed that the girl he was with most of the time was named EVELYN (Last Name Unknown) who came from some place in the South, possibly Montgomery, Alabama. RUSSELL stated that it was his belief or recollection that EVELYN was a friend of a girl who had worked at JACK RUBY's place in Dallas, Texas. He advised that also in RAY's company was another woman by the name of IRENE and that he believes she might have been from Los Angeles, California, and had some connection with a bar either as an owner or a prospective purchaser.

RUSSELL related that although he met GALT in the bar at the Roosevelt Hotel, that he also saw him in a restaurant or bar across the street from the Royal Orleans Hotel and near Napoleon's Bar. He remarked that the Royal Orleans Hotel had a bar called the Touche Bar which opened after 4:00 p.m. He advised that located on a corner immediately adjacent to the Royal Orleans Hotel was Napoleon's Bar and that further down in the block was a small bar which had a large back room entirely devoted to gambling. He advised that he was in this small bar with the back room for gambling with GALT on at least one occasion and that GALT placed bets in this room with a girl named "PAT."

He stated that a city building was located across the street from the Royal Orleans Hotel and that very close to this city building was a bar called Sinatraville. He advised that the bartender or owner of this establishment would know GALT and would know RUSSELL as JIMMY ALEXANDER.

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He stated that if the owner of the Sinatraville were contacted, that he should be asked about the little blonde girl that came from Mississippi or Alabama, the one who quit her job. He stated that the owner should be asked if he has seen ALEXANDER or JIMMY recently.

He advised that there was a restaurant located over the Absinthe House and that he was in this restaurant on one occasion with JIMMY GALT.

RUSSELL related that after he had been in New Orleans a short time he was arrested and was held in jail for a few days, and after he got out went back to the bar, Sinatraville, inquired about the girl and was told that RAY had gone to a place in Mexico. RUSSELL could not remember the exact dates for the above.

He related that also during the time that he was in New Orleans, a girl he was out with one night got picked up by the police. He stated that he immediately got in contact with the syndicate through a bartender at the Touche Bar in the Roosevelt Hotel and that this girl was then released almost immediately.

He advised that during the time he was in New Orleans that MATT MONROE (phonetic), a singer, was appearing in the Roosevelt Hotel. RUSSELL related that he got to know MATT MONROE and KENNY (Last Name Unknown), MATT MONROE's pianist. He related that on one occasion they went to a bar on Bourbon Street and that JIMMY GALT came in and joined them. He related MATT MONROE resided at the hotel during his engagement.

RUSSELL advised that during the time he was in New Orleans, the Japanese International Floating Fair was in town. He advised that he became very well known aboard this ship and in fact was able to have the Mayor of New Orleans declare one of the officials connected with the Japanese International Floating Fair an honorary citizen of the City of New Orleans.

He advised, "Maybe RAY killed him. I believe that RAY was hired. Both men were killed by the same people." He related that by both men he meant President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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